in CNS/ATM and security would be require to be absorbed, by the Joint Venture Companies. Remaining employees would revert to AAI.

(v) The last date to receive Expression of Interest has been fixed as 20th July, 2004.

Fleet acquisition plans for AI and IA

242. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the fleet acquisition plans of the Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(b) if so, the results thereof and the fresh programme drawn up, if any, for fleet acquisition with a view to improving the competitive edge of the two airlines for their short and long-haul routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Project Reports for acquisition of aircraft by Air India and Indian Airlines are under consideration of Government.

Consumer-oriented Civil Aviation Policy

243. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently considered the question of laying down a consumer-oriented Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken and being taken in the light of the new policy to make Civil Aviation servics more consumer-oriented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The Civil Aviation Policy is under preparation.